

REMARKS

Applicant's representative would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy and professionalism extended to Applicant's representative during the telephone interview conducted on August 1, 2006.

This Amendment is responsive to the official action dated May 3, 2006. Claims 1-9 and 20 were pending in the application. In the official action, claims 1-9 and 20 were rejected. In this Amendment, claims 1 and 20 have been amended. Claims 1-9 and 20 thus remain for consideration.

Applicant submits that claims 1-9 and 20 are in condition for allowance and requests withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

§102 Rejections

Claims 1-9 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Klug et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 6,823,327).

Applicant submits that the independent claims (claims 1 and 20) are patentable over Klug.

Applicant's invention as recited in the independent claims is directed toward an information processing apparatus and information processing method. Each of the claims recites: "receiving a [request] transmitted from [a] terminal device"; "generating a user identifier corresponding to the [request]"; and "transmitting the [user] identifier and [a] generation source identifier to the terminal device;" "wherein [the] generation source identifier is allocating from an external apparatus." The operations of receiving, generating, and transmitting are performed by a single device, and the generation source identifier identifies the device.

As discussed in the August 1, 2006 interview, Applicant submits that Klug fails to disclose Applicant's invention as

presently recited in claims 1 and 20. Accordingly, Applicant believes that claims 1 and 20 are patentable over Klug.

Further, since dependent claims inherit the limitations of their respective base claims, Applicant believes that dependent claims 2-9 are patentable over Klug for at least the same reasons as discussed in connection with claim 1.

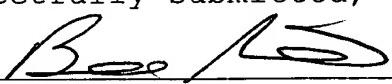
Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to telephone the undersigned at (908) 654-5000.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

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